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In re Application of :  
Charles Porges et al. :  
Application No. 10/712,895 :  
Filed: November 12, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 009103-015811 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 15, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action, mailed January 24, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A one (1) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on May 25, 2005. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed November 25, 2005.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a response; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at (571) 272-2991.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 3735 for appropriate action on the concurrently filed amendment.

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